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1. US-LED CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY IS NOW DRAWING
INTO ITS CONCLUDING PHASES. FOCAL POINTS FOR ITS CONCLUSION
WILL BE:

A. ADOPTION BY CCMS AND APPROVAL BY NAC OF INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION THIS FALL.

B. US PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF FINAL ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY REPORT. THE US DRAFT FINAL REPORT WILL BE CIRCULATED AT THE OCTOBER CCMS PLENARY IN BRUSSELS. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF COMMENTS, WHICH WILL BE REQUESTED BY MID-DECEMBER, THE FINAL REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED AND CIRCULATED WITH A VIEW TO SECURING ITS ADOPTION BY CCMS AT THE SPRING 1974 PLENARY.

C. DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES FOR EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP TO ASSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF PILOT STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS. A REPORT WILL BE MADE ON THIS ASPECT OF THE PILOT STUDY'S CONCLUSION AT THE CCMS SPRING 1974 PLENARY.

2. US REGARDS SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY AS IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF ITS CCMS POLICY. ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION (ORIGINALLY AN INITIATIVE OF THE US SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION) AND ULTIMATE AGREEMENT ON EFFECTIVE PROCEDURES TO ASSURE THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM THE WORK DONE IN CCMS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ARE KEY TO THIS POLICY. WE THEREFORE REQUEST ACTION ADDRESSEES TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT IN THE COMING WEEKS TO ASSURE NATO MEMBER SUPPORT.

3. FOR NATO EMBASSIES: REQUEST EMBASSIES APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO TRANSMIT TEXT OF INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION AGREED AND REFERENCED AT JUNE 1973 ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOP IN PARIS. (TEXT BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.) SUGGEST APPROACH BE MADE IN BOTH FOREIGN OFFICES AND MINISTRIES OF TRANSPORT.

4. EMBASSIES SHOULD CALL TO ATTENTION OF HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT IT IS US INTENTION, AS PILOT COUNTRY, TO SEEK FORMAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AT OCTOBER 23-24 CCMS PLENARY IN BRUSSELS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT ALL NATO MEMBERS WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ENDORSE THIS ACTION AND SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION AT THE PLENARY. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE TO CO-SPONSOR THE RESOLUTION AT THE TIME OF ITS PRESENTATION FOR ADOPTION, IN PARTICULAR BELGIUM, FRG, FRANCE AND NETHERLANDS, ALL OF WHOM JOINED WITH US IN JOINT PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION TO APRIL 10-11, 1973, PLENARY IN OTTAWA. UPON ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION BY CCMS, IT WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

5. IN ADDITION TO ORAL PRESENTATION DRAWING ON ABOVE, SUGGEST EMBASSIES USE FOLLOWING NOTE IN DELIVERING RE-

SOLUTION TEXT:

APPROPRIATE FORMALITIES. BEGIN QUOTE.

THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION WAS ORIGINALLY INTRODUCED AT THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE NATO COMMITTEE ON THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY (CCMS) IN BRUSSELS NOVEMBER 14, 1972. THE CONSENSUS WORDING OF THE RESOLUTION EVOLVED FROM THE CCMS ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOP HELD IN PARIS DURING FEBRUARY 1973, AND THIS TEXT WAS JOINTLY PRESENTED TO THE CCMS PLENARY SESSION IN OTTAWA APRIL 10, 1973, BY BELGIUM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES. AS A RESULT OF FURTHER CONSIDERATION AT THE ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOP IN PARIS IN JUNE 1973, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY EXPERTS FROM EIGHT COUNTRIES, THE ATTACHED VERSION OF THE RESOLUTION WAS AGREED UPON AD REFERENDUM, SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS OF DENMARK, NORWAY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH 1(B) WHICH HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED IN THE FORM OF A FOOTNOTE. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION COULD NOW BE REFERRED TO CCMS FOR ADOPTION.

THE RESOLUTION PROVIDES INTER ALIA FOR A NATO MEMBER GOAL OF PREVENTING ANY INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL NUMBER OF TRAFFIC DEATHS AND OF REDUCING PROGRESSIVELY THE TRAFFIC DEATH RATE IN NATO COUNTRIES, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION UNCLASSIFIED

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IN ACHIEVING THESE GOALS, INTENSIFICATION AND AUGMENTATION OF EXISTING NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY ACTION PROGRAMS, EXCHANGE OF NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLANS, ASSESSMENT OF NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMS, AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN DEVISING BETTER PROGRAMS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ANNEXES TO THE RESOLUTION WILL BE ADOPTED CONTAINING SPECIFIC ACTION PROGRAMS STEMMING FROM RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY. AS SUCH ANNEXES ARE AGREED BY GOVERNMENTS, THEY WILL BE RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY CCMS.

THE UNITED STATES, AS PILOT COUNTRY OF THE CCMS ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY, INTENDS TO PRESENT THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION TO THE CCMS PLENARY SESSION TO BE HELD IN BRUSSELS OCTOBER 23-24, 1973. IN THIS RESPECT, THE UNITED STATES WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 5, 1973, NOTIFICATION THAT (NAME OF COUNTRY) WILL BE IN A POSITION TO SUPPORT ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION BY CCMS AT THE OCTOBER 23-24 PLENARY IN BRUSSELS.

END QUOTE. APPROPRIATE FORMALITIES.

6. FOR USNATO: REQUEST MISSION DELIVER RESOLUTION TEXT TO DELEGATIONS DRAWING ON ABOVE WITH REQUEST THAT THEY TRANSMIT IT TO HOME GOVERNMENTS URGING ITS SUPPORT AT OCTOBER PLENARY. TEXT SHOULD BE PUBLISHED AS CCMS DOCUMENT.

7. FOR ALL ACTION ADDRESSEES: POSTS SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OR DELS THAT DURING PERIOD FROM OCTOBER PLENARY TO SPRING 1974 PLENARY US WILL WORK TOWARDS AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO PILOT STUDY FOLLOW-UP INCLUDING:

A. MECHANISM FOR FOLLOW-UP. (SEE US CONCEPT PAPER ON AD HOC COORDINATING PANEL REFERRED TO IN STATE 102134, ENCLOSED WITH MAY 24, 1973, BRENNER LETTER AND DISTRIBUTED AT JUNE ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOP IN PARIS.)

B. PROCEDURES FOR ADOPTION OF ANNEXES TO RESOLUTION.

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C. FORMAT FOR NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN EXCHANGE. (SEE INITIAL US PROPOSAL REFERRED TO IN STATE 100505, ENCLOSED WITH MAY 22, 1973, BRENNER LETTER AND DISTRIBUTED AT JUNE ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOP IN PARIS.)

8. FINALLY, POSTS SHOULD NOTE THAT FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY TO IMPLEMENT PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS IN ALREADY PLANNED IN THREE AREAS:

A. ALCOHOL AND HIGHWAY SAFETY (WITH MEETING IN OCTOBER).

B. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION (WITH MEETING OF COORDINATING GROUP PLANNED FOR FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER).

C. EXPERIMENTAL SAFETY VEHICLE (WITH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 4-7, 1974, IN UNITED KINGDOM).

9. FOR COPENHAGEN, LONDON AND OSLO: REQUEST POSTS CALL ATTENTION OF HOST GOVERNMENTS TO TEXT OF FOOTNOTE WITH RESPECT TO PARA 1(B) OF RESOLUTION AND ASSURE THAT FOOTNOTE MEETS WITH THEIR APPROVAL. RUSH

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